

# Report to the Auburn Urban Development Authority

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.



To:

Chair and Board Members

From:

Robert Richardson, Executive Director

Date:

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Subject:

Development of Priority Work Plan

### The Issue

Shall the Board develop a priority list of alternative work projects for staff to develop prior to legislative action freezing redevelopment funds?

#### Conclusion and Recommendation

That the Board of Directors provide guidance to staff on alternative work priorities.

## Background

The Governor's recently released budget called for the elimination of redevelopment agencies, with the State taking and redistributing all unencumbered tax increment funds and fund balances. Although much needs to be overcome at the State level prior to implementing such an effort, the Legislature could, at any time, take action to freeze all unencumbered redevelopment funds while studying the issue. Should that occur, and the initiative ultimately pass, the AUDA would lose all unencumbered funds for local use.

Current redevelopment projects will require several months to bring under contract, or still need to be developed at the Economic Development Commission prior to Board consideration. In either case, there may be insufficient time to secure local funds should the Legislature decide to act to freeze funds in the near future.

Therefore staff is seeking Council guidance on the types of alternative projects deemed acceptable should swifter implementation be required to safeguard local funds.

#### Fiscal Impact

No impact at this time.

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